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Applicant: FOCKE et al.

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Examiner: Mack, C. D.

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Title: Method and Apparatus For The
Testing Of Cuboid-Shaped Packs

RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

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Sir:

The Office Action dated 16 December 2003 from Examiner Corey D. Mack,
Esq. has been received. The following is submitted in response.

I certify that I have transmitted this document to the United States Patent and Trademark Office via facsimile to the centralized fax number of 703.872.9306, this 16th day of March, 2004.



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STATUS

Claims 1-29 are pending in the application.

Claim 9 has been objected to under 35 USC 112.

Claims 1, 2, 6, 8, 10, 11, 14, 18, 21-23, 26, 26, and 29 have been rejected under 35 USC 103 over US Patent No. 4984409 to Focke (Focke '409) and US Patent No. 6202476 to Fenlon (Fenlon '476).

Claims 3-7, 9, 12-13, 15-17, 19-20, 24-25 and 28 have been rejected under 35 USC 103 over Focke '409, Fenlon '476 and US Patent No. 5209124 to Grandejus et al. (Grandejus '124).